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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION TO SECRETARY'S VISIT

1. SUMMARY: BANNER HEADLINES IN ALL DAILIES OCTO 12 REPORT SECRETARY'S VISIT TO AMMAN, WITH FRONT-PAGE PICTURES OF NIGHT RECEIPTION. ALL HEADLINES REVOLVE AROUND THEME OF KING RECEIVING SECRETARY. LEAD ARTICLES GIVE FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF ARRIVAL, QUOTING AIRPORT STATEMENT. DETAILED COVERAGE GIVEN TO CAIRO AND DAMASCUS CONVERSATIONS. EDITORIAL COMMENT PROFUSE. END SUMMARY.

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2. AS-SABAH NOTES THAT KISSINGER ARRIVED IN DAMASCUS FROM

CAIRO, "WHERE HE AND THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT APPARENTLY AGREED ON HOW TO PROCEED DURING THE SECOND STAGE OF MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATION. SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID THAT THEY DO NOT EXPECT THE ADOPTION OF ANY AGREEMENT ON NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE THE ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR 26 OCTOBER, WHICH GIVES THE ARABS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADOPT A SPECIFIC PROGRAM." REUTERS REPORT FROM DAMASCUS SAYS THAT "RELIABLE SYRIAN SOURCES CLAIM THAT SYRIA HAS DEFINED HER POSITION...BY REFUSING TO OFFER ANY CONCESSIONS, 'SINCE IT IS SYRIAN AND NOT ISRAELI LANDS THAT ARE STILL OCCUPIED BY FORCE.' PRESIDENT ASAD MADE IT CLEAR THAT SYRIA'S POSITION IS QUITE WELL-KNOWN AND NOT CHANGED SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE DISENGAGEMENT ACCORDS. PRESIDENT ASAD ALSO REGRETTED THE AMERICAN POSITION RE THE PALESTINE ISSUE IN THE UNITED NATIONS....IN ADDITION, DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAY THAT THEY DO NOT EXPECT SYRIA TO RENEW THE UNEF MANDATE ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS UNLESS ISRAEL MAKES TANGIBLE MOVES TOWARD WITHDRAWAL."

AR-RAYY STATES THAT REPORTS FROM CAIRO SUGGEST THE "THE BEST WAY TO RENEW PEACE EFFORTS WOULD BE TO BEGIN CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI NEGOTIATORS IN GENEVA TO BRING ABOUT ANEW ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI; THIS WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ISRAELI PLEDGE FRO FURTHER NEOTIATIONS..." AR-RAYY QUOTES REUTERS REPORT: "AFTER A FIVE-HOUR MEETING YESTERDAY, THE ISRAELI CABINET AND PREMIER RABIN ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MAP SUBMITTED TO DR. KISSINGER CONCERNING FINAL FRONTIERS DESIRED BY ISRAEL...E ISRAELIS SAY THAT THEY ARE READY TO PULL BACK FROM PARTS OF SINAI AND THE WEST BANK IN EXCHANGE FOR TWO STATEMENTS ISSUED IN CAIRO AND AMMAN RENOUNCING BELLIGERENCY. ANY ISRAELI WILLINGNESS TO SETTLE AFFAIRS WITH SYRIA WILL NOT INCLUDE A FULL WITHDRAWAL. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE CURRENT ROUND OF TALKS WITH CONFINED TO HEARING FROM DR. KISSINGER WHAT ARE THE ARAB POSITIONS."

4. LEAD EDITORIAL IN AD-DUSTOUR TAKES FORM OF PERSONAL LETTER FROM EDITOR OF PAPER. "DR. KISSINGER, I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU OF YOUR OWN WORDS, WHEN YOU SAID, 'IF I HAD REMAINED A UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, I WOULD HAVE TREATED THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM FROM ITS OWN BEGINNINGS, BUT AS A POLITICIAN I CANNOT DO THAT.' EDITORIAL SAYS THIS IMPOSSIBLE, AND ADMONISHES SECRETARY UNCLASSIFIED

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TO ADOPT MORE NEUTRAL STANCE. "THE UNITED STATES SHOULD SWITCH FROM BEING AN ALLY OF ISRAEL TO ADOPTING A MORE OBJECTIVE STANCE. IF THE HUGE ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL CONTINUES, THE ARABS CANNOT EXPECT AMERICA TO DO ANYTHING FOR THE GOOD OF MANKIND. MOREOVER, THE ARABS WILL ABANDON DIPLOMACY FOREVER IF TANGIBLE RESULTS ARE NOT ACHIEVED IN THE NEAR FUTURE; THEY WILL AGAIN RESORT TO HOLY WAR, AND I NEED NOT TELL YOU MORE STORIES ABOUT ARAB HEROISM DURING THE OCTOBER WAR...TELL THE LEADERS OF

ISRAEL NOT TO
COUNT ON ARAB DIFFERENCES, FOR WE ARE UNITED AS NEVER BEFORE...
FINALLY, I GREET YOU WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST. YOU ARE WELCOMED
AS AN ILLUSTRIOUS GUEST IN THE ARAB WORLD."

5. COMMENTING ON FINAL ISRAELI CABINET MEETING BEFORE VISIT
OF SECRETARY TO ISRAEL, AD-DUSTOUR NOTES, "KISSINGER KNOWS WELL
THAT THE PROBLEM THREATENING THIS EFFORT IS THE FACT THAT THE
ISRAELIS WILL NOT CEDE ANY TERRITORY. KISSINGER HEARD IN CAIRO
AND DAMASCUS THAT NEITHER COUNTRY WILL ACCEPT A SEPARATE SETTLEMENT.
HE WILL HEAR THE SAME FROM AMMAN. IN BETWEEN THESE TWO ATTITUDES
LIES THE GAP THAT KISSINGER MUST BRIDGE THROUGH HIS GENIUS.
YET THE SOLUTION IS SIMPLY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL
RES 242--COMPELLING ISRAEL TO ABIDE BY THE WILL OF THE WORLD
COMMUNITY...THIS TRIP WILL REVEAL WHETHER KISSINGER STILL HAS
THE SAME INFLUENCE WHICH LED TO DISENGAGEMENT, OR WHETHER THE
TRIP IS MERELY ROUTINE.

6. GOJ-SPONSORED AR-SAYY DEPLORES REPORT YESTERDAY OF POSSIBILITY
OF CONVENING GENEVA-TYPE CONFERENCE AT LOWER THAN FOREIGN
MINISTER LEVEL. "WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT SUBSTITUTES CAN LEAD TO THE
DESIRED RESULTS, SINCE IF WE AVOID THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, WE
MUST ALSO FORGO IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTIONS 338 AND 242. WE SHALL
FIND OURSELVES LOST...ANY PROCRASTINATION WITH RESPECT THE
242 WILL ONLY LIGHT A BOMB WHICH WILL UNDERMINE THE PEACE
OF THE WORLD.

7. AS-SABAH COMMENTS THAT FACT THAT KISSINGER IS "FORCED"
TO EXTEND HIS STAY IN MIDDLE EAST IMPLIES THAT HE HAS LOST
MUCH OF HIS INFLUENCE IN AREA. "THE CAUSE OF THIS LOSS OF CREDIT
IS DUE TO THE BATTLE OF OIL PRICES BY THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES..
YET WE MUST INFORM THE AMERICAN VISITOR THAT THE ARABS WILL NEVER
AGREE TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO THE OIL
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